

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 18, 2003 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-10 are pending, of which claims 1, 6 and 8 are the independent claims. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 are amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for lack of antecedent basis.

As to claim 6, item 2B(iv) of the Office Action states, "It is uncertain the personalizing information being stored [i.e., same location as the primary information stored or not]."

Claim 6 recites as two claim steps, "... storing of primary information; . . . storing of the personalizing information."

Where the different types of information are stored is not specified by the claim, this is known as "claiming broadly." If the Examiner thinks that the claim appears to be too broad, the Examiner is invited to search for relevant prior art. The claim is believed to be valid in all respects under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 1-6 have been amended to overcome all of the alleged bases for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 set forth in the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over International Publication No. WO 97/22062 to Huffman et al. ("Huffman").

Claim 8 recites “deriving personalizing information for said selection portion” of primary information.

Item 6 of the Office Action suggests that Huffman discloses a user operating a pen input pad (page 37, line 32) to store pictures (page 37, line 9) in an electronic book diary (page 37, lines 24-25). Huffman states that, in comparison to text, the pictures “maybe considered more personal to some users.”

Item 7 of the Office Action concedes that Huffman does not teach personalizing information being derived from the primary information.

What the Office Action concedes is not taught by the Huffman, however, is the essence of the invention (specification as amended, page 2, lines 23-30).

Claim 7 recites, “a processor that is operable to (1) process said portion of said selected primary information and (2) deriving personalizing information for said selection portion.”

In attempting to suggest obviousness, item 7 continues:

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to derive information from the selection of the primary information because doing so would increase the speed of the system by allowing users be able to create a personal profile from the primary information if they find any information they interested in instead of inputting those information by themselves again.

First, what is being suggested in the above paragraph does not amount to “deriving personalizing information for said selection portion.” Second, what is being suggested in the above paragraph about creating a “personal profile” originates from impermissible hindsight gained from reading the present specification (see, for example, page 5, line 12).

For at least all of the foregoing reasons, claim 8 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the applied reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

As to claim 1, it similarly recites, “personalizing means for deriving personalizing information from said selections” and is likewise deemed to be patentable over the applied reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding claim 6, it analogously recites, “deriving personalizing information for the selected portion of the primary information” and is likewise patentable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

As to the dependent claims, they are patentable at least from their dependence from the base claims which have been shown to be patentable.


Claim 11 has been added to more particularly point out aspects of the invention. Support for this claim is found in the specification, at page 4, lines 21-23.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event of any perceived outstanding issues so that passage of the case to issue can be effected without the need for a further Office Action.

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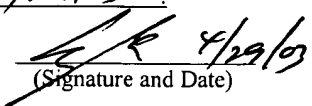
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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An information processing device comprising:
 - a first storage device for storing units of primary information;
 - a user operable interface for making selections from the stored units of primary information to be processed and/or from functions to be invoked;
 - a second storage device; and
 - a personalizing means for deriving personalizing information from said selections in order to store the personalizing information in the second storage device.

4. (Twice Amended) The device according to Claim 2, the device being arranged to erase a respective unit of primary information in response to a user command, wherein the personalizing means is arranged to remove a link between the respective unit of primary information and a respective unit of personalizing information, and to preserve the storage of the respective unit of personalizing information in the second storage device.

5. (Twice Amended) The information processing device according to claim 1, the device including communication means for exchanging units of primary information with a similar information processing device, wherein the personalizing means is arranged to attach a personal tag to a unit of primary information to be sent to the similar information processing device, the personalizing means also being arranged to

detach a personal tag from a received unit of primary information and store it as personalizing information in the second storage device.

6. (Twice Amended) A method for processing information, the method comprising the steps of:

storing of primary information;

selecting a portion of the primary information;

deriving personalizing information for the selected portion of the primary information; and

storing of the personalizing information.